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Re:      U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/452,749  
 Filed: December 1, 1999  
 Title: **PERMANENT READOUT SUPERCONDUCTING  
 QUBIT**

**Message**

Dear Mr. Wille,

In preparation for the July 16, 11AM conference call, we attach a draft copy of a Response to the May 10, 2002 office action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brett Lovejoy'.

Brett Lovejoy

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**DRAFT AMENDMENT  
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Art Unit: 2814
Zagoskin	)	
	)	Examiner:
	)	Douglas A. Wille
Serial No. 09/452,749	)	
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For: Permanent Readout Superconducting Qubit	)	<i>DRAFT</i>
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2002 for the above-identified patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Marked up versions of all revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, are included in Appendix A. A clean version of the pending claims is included in Appendix B.

Rewrite claims 52-55 as follows:

52. (Amended) The structure of claim 1, wherein a qubit is formed by the first bank, the mesoscopic island and the clean Josephson junction, and wherein each quantum state on the qubit is characterized by a clockwise or a counterclockwise supercurrent that circulates in a plane in the vicinity of the clean Josephson junction.